

Bloomington Stories Podcast: "Did You Guys Know I Was Gay?" with Smoove
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The other day I was getting water out of a soda fountain, you know, And one of those soda dispensers had a Post-it note on it that just said out. And I've lived in Bloomington for so long that my first thought was good for you. Diet Coke.

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But we've all kind of known for years. So that home of Indiana University, rock quarries, cornfields, enchanted woods. An injury lawyer can run Bloomington as a town as a term for its ability to lure one time residents back. The Blumarine. There's something weirdly magical going on here in College Town. Nobody's Josh Bennet and Chris Coopersmith are going to get to the bottom of this place by listening to stories and writing every possible tangent along the way.

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Alimentaires moronic shit. I know, but that's okay. I'm into it too. Like I seriously was talking to some of the other day. It was the first time somebody told me that like I've always said for several years now that I want my obituary, my obituary, my on my gravestone when I want it engraved on it was is he was in it for the jokes.

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Yeah. You know, because to me is like a no jokes bucket, right. You know what I mean. Yeah. Yeah, completely. From what I remember of the smooth. Yeah. Thing that that thing kind of went pretty smoothly. April is a little five and smooth talks a little five. So I was thinking it might be fun if we, talked about little five together a little bit.

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And so it come out of that as a potential like intro for this move thing. Okay. Are you up for that? I don't know. I don't. I should know more about little five than I do. Even better. Okay. I don't know what's going to happen. I don't know. You know, like. Yeah, but, but you grew up and you grew up with being a specter.

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I'm not there in terms of race. I'm just talking about the spectacle. Yes, the finale. That's the phenomenon, you know? Yeah. I mean, most of most of my knowledge of little five is as as a younger person growing up here was like, you got to stay home and little five we can't because of ten because there are some crazy, crazy people out.

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And then as I got older, it was like, this is the weekend to go out and party and go out and get into it. Yeah, yeah. yeah. College years definitely did. It was also like, you know, like when Sun would arrive on a little weekend, I would just be like, thank God. Did you ever go? Did you ever drive by on a Sunday morning drive by the the it's not the police station.

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What is the justice building on a Sunday morning? A little after a little five? yeah. Yeah. And see the big long line line And then you would also is it is it Sunday morning. I think it is. I think I think they deal with them on Sunday morning. Yeah. Maybe Sunday morning or Monday. I don't remember all the people who are arrested.

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Yeah. And then you would also see like a lot of people like in their clothes, they were the night before, like picking up trash and shit. So I think maybe they, you know, they paid a fine. the trash and a lot of times and maybe didn't even get like a full on, maybe a complete criminal record or something.

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It seems like it's just a cash grab. It's just a big it seemed like, Yeah, we were playing it. You remember? Pick a chick. What is that again? It was called Pick a Chick Farms. And I don't know where the hell it was, but it was like this great big building that was probably, like, completely out of code, right?

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They would have, like, music, Like they would have music events and parties and stuff out there. Do you ever go there? I'm sure I have a situation. Gray was playing a show out there once and there is a shit ton of people is a great big little five party. And it was like, I think it was just like tons of different fraternities or something.

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I don't remember. Yeah, but it was a huge party and all of a sudden you just saw like police lights out the windows all over the place and it's way out there. I'm sure part why they had a way out there so that they could, you know, do whatever the hell they wanted. Yeah. All of a sudden, just people are freaking out, like running out the door, like crawling out of windows and shit.

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And I remember this one guy, just a young kid, like, came, and he was like, begging us if he could hide the bass in a drum case for the bass drum because he's terrified of being arrested. Yeah. Wow. Did he do that? We didn't let him. I don't think we might have. Probably was in his first go around with the police, it sounds like.

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Probably not. You're right. He was probably like, Jesus, I'm wanted. I'm wanted for murder. Can I hide in your bag? This case right. Also, the the line in the police beat or the the list was always

super. I remember that being super long, like who got arrested and it was just like an endless thing. I also heard that the police.

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Bloomington. This probably sounds right. It's probably truth to this, but Bloomington hires hired a bunch more out of state or out of town police officers for the evening. Right. And in order to pay for that, they're required to write more tickets and arrest more people. So it's just like we got to keep more people, more police here to make our revenue.

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We got to arrest more people. That'd be interesting if that were their thing. Yeah. I mean, you know, like when we worked at Center for Behavioral Health Center stuff, I just remember it was I was always, you know, like, really cautious of like, you got to get your billing, you got to get this many hours of billing a day for clients.

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I'm sure police officers get that same thing. I mean, makes sense. Yeah. You're not if you're not writing enough tickets, you're getting you're you're going to threaten your patient. Yeah. Yeah. Love that. Like, fine, I'll go kick somebody's ass and take them to jail. I still just love the idea that, like, okay. Because when Bobby Knight speaking of Bobby Knight, when he got fired, this town is shithouse, you know, like, you know, they're tearing shit up.

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Still steal, broke the mermaids in the fountain and shit or whatever that was. But but with little fire, nobody, nothing bad happened that caused them to tear this fucking town apart. Do like Smoove talks about it in the interview. But do you remember that one just at Varsity? Because it was like. It was like it was like a riot.

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Like fire and cars turned over and shit. Like what? What precipitated that? Like, why at what point where they having so much fun that it turned into like a war zone? Yeah, it reminds me, I was in high school when that happened. I was at a I was no part of that. But it reminds me of a documentary I watched about the, the the Woodstock they did in the nineties.

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In the 1990s. Yeah. And it was just like, you know, one person started a fire and the next thing you know, everybody's throwing shit in the fire and right, you know, it just all it takes is about, you know, a lot of booze and a few people going bananas and then the rest of them go bananas and the next thing you know, they're, you know, they're knocking over police cars, right?

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Like, what else can you do? Well, it's just like, what? I don't know. Maybe I've got to think about it. But have you ever had a time when you were, like, having so much fun that you were drunk

and you're having so much fun that you're like, I'm having so much fun? I think I want to start destroying everything around me hundreds of times.

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So it is a it is a tried and true. Yeah. Response to having fun. Yeah. And then and then if you have one other person that is in on the same level of enjoyment and that's all it takes, you know, to take it to the next level. Yeah, it's a good point. Yeah. My brother, one time we were at the the pizza stand in front of the Bluebird and he's like buying this pizza.

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And as they hand it to him in a paper plate, I do this underhand thing and hit the bottom of the plate. In this pizza is pizza. It goes flying and then I run, I run like nearly all the way home. And he's throwing rocks at me and luckily he's missing it. But I. I hear the rocks, like, by my ears, like, whizzing by, like.

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And then we went to Kroger and we're like, okay, we're done. Let's just get our pizza, you know, like the food. So yeah. And so we got a frozen pizza. And while, while he's paying with it, I'm taking the pizza that's in a plastic bag and doing like this thing, like a rope circling it. So like a lasso and just hit him right in the face with it.

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And the cashier is like, my God. And then we went home and made the pizza and it was just in crumbs. We put it on a pan. She got proud of that. And you're not proud of that? I mean, we survived it. Yeah, it just it was just like one of those things is like that that we weren't mad at each other at all the entire time.

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It was pure fun. But that whole thing probably started with a slight shove, right? And then you and your brother aren't good for each other now. But it also remind me when I'm acting like I'm acting like it's weird that people get violent and weird and they're having fun and I'm looking right at you. Yeah. And I'm remembering that old Josh Yeah, that pretty regularly.

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At some point in the night, you were having, like a knockdown drag out of somebody, but it wasn't like a real. You were mad at each other? Yeah, I don't I have never, I have never been in a, in an angry fight, but I have gotten, you know, shit beat out, I mean, by my buddies. So much to happen so many times.

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You look ashamed. Like there's no way you're going to let this be. yeah. This is not going on here. Are you serious? yeah, for sure. Yeah. So? man. There is one other thing I was going to ask you about. A little fight. Yeah, Back to little five. Yeah, it was something about little five or Smoove one.

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I've never I've never met her, but I've known her for so many people that I'm friends with. Have been friends with her. How long have you known her? honestly, she first got on my radar when I went to a mardi Gras, and it wasn't like a crazy Mardi Gras party. It was just that somebody's house. It was at Tinkler's house.

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And he always had a mardi Gras party for a long time. And I went over there and there was just this woman who's wearing a t shirt with holes, cut out where her boobs are, and her boobs are just thick and right out, the holes sticking out of the hole. The t shirt, as you can imagine, you know, that stuck with me.

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It was my first it's my first recollection of having met Smoove. You always remember your first meeting and that in particular, you'll certainly remember. Yeah. And then my mom was with me. She remembers it, too. That's hilarious. Yeah, but, she's. She's a force to be reckoned with. I mean, it's like, first. I mean, first of all, we don't even talk about it on the air, really, with her.

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And I even, like, follow it up. We don't talk about the fact that she, you know, started the back door, which is so awesome. Yeah. and, but I, I wrote her a text her afterward, and she was like, man, I'm sorry. We, you know, we didn't even talk about the backdoor. And she was like, you know, I'm tired of talking about that, you know, like she was happy to have talked about something other than that.

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But I mean, that place is like a community hub for sure. So awesome. I just remember this show. I played there once. I have no idea how I ended up on that stage, but and I have no idea why I don't know why I thought this was a good idea, but I but I do this song. I remember I just remember that called Hot Surface, and it was just because I like that phrase, you know, when you see like it's written on different places, it says hot surface.

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Yeah. And I had to dredge it up and see if I can see if we can play a little clip of it. It's quite a it's quite a tune. All I'm doing is doing hot surface like that's the whole song. Yeah. Find it cool, clip it right here. Yeah, but that was a backdoor. That's the only time that ever performed.

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That was at the back door pops surface everytime I was moving on. Yeah, we're talking about that. I mean. no, we can continue talking about, you know, this is about, this is about, you know, it's material. It is glorious about her. She was always like I had just gotten somewhere before her or after her or something like that because I don't know, like Gabby Sloan and all of those.

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Yeah. Megan McDonald, who's been on like one degree of separation. Yeah, they're all they've all been real, I think. Pretty good for Yuna Letterman. All of them. Yeah. But yeah, it was good to finally to finally meet her. And she did not disappoint. Not at all. It was super entertaining. One of the things about her that, like it just locked everything in place with me was like, you know, I think she would be proud for me or should I think she would take it as a compliment for me to call her a freak lot.

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A lot of times, like the freaks who are doing awesome shit. And then I meet them and they're, like, kind of brilliant. I mean, of course they are. Like, I don't know why. You know, that's the piece that I never put together is like, Of course, you got to be brilliant. If you can put together being a freak with being brilliant, there are no bounds, you know?

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Yeah, that's so true. You know, I mean, because she was like, I can't really talk or I know she talks about, but like, she was doing like, like deep math stuff and she was working in the corporate world doing like, wonky stuff and making a shit ton of money all over the country. Before she came. Yeah, I never would have guessed that.

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But now that makes total sense, right? You know, if I had to pick a moment, that was the best moment of the whole experience at her house. When you're interviewing her is when she was like, You want to see the boom boom room? I was like, I don't know what's going to happen in there. Yeah, Speaking of did not disappoint.

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Boom, boom, boom, boom room did not this? No, no. She took us in. She took us. She said, Let me go get it ready. And she went out and disappeared. And then, then I think there part of you that thinking that I mean, like once I go in the boom boom room, I'm not coming out. No, I definitely figure that I have the option of leaving right now.

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Right. Right. Which would mean like running out the door. All right. I figured it was going to have something. It would be highly interactive, and somehow I was going to be a participant. Yeah, but it just turned out to be probably the best museum in Bloomington, Indiana. Oriel Yeah, she would bring her on. Yeah. The zoo story. I moved to Bloomington and are we going?

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Yeah, yeah. Okay. Thanks for thanks for allowing us to. Thanks for being on our podcast. Yeah. Even though we're at your house. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Obviously, you know, give you guys a studio. Yeah. All the things. so, yeah, we first moved to Bloomington in 1983. Okay, So I was here for like, middle school and most of high school we spent a year in Germany.

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Where where'd you move from in there? We well, we had lived all over the place. We moved a lot. Okay. My dad was a professor. My mom was a high school English teacher herself, and we were in Iowa, Ames, Iowa, before this. So a lot of college towns, you know, we lived in Paris, France, for a year, like Evanston.

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a lot of places. Yeah. Yeah. Before we landed here. And then I went to I u yeah, for my undergrad and then I left and I came back in 2005. So there you have it. Well, we I know one thing that happened before, way before you left and came back was that you were on the fricking little five team.

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yeah. I rode for a team called Landshark three years and we were the first back to back winners in the women's race. That's awesome. Yeah, it's pretty fun to win little five. You guys can't even imagine what that's like. It's out there. I mean, it's different, you know? Then we got to ride in the pace car and the men's race and like, I don't know.

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So who else was on scene? Like, how did you. It was it was associated with this. Like one of those kind of worked. no. We were on an independent team. Yeah. So we weren't associated with a housing unit, right? Don't know what the right term is like. We weren't a dorm team or we weren't a sorority team.

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We were just like I started writing because and I forgot that there's like a big spread in the our, our butis whatever the IU yearbook is for the year I graduated like origin story, I guess for little five is basically I was at a party with some friends. We were walking back to our dorm. This was freshman year and we had our party caps, right?

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And we got exercise just like stopped us on the street, cuffed us, put us in the car, took us to jail for the night, you know, like it was the whole thing. Yeah. You got to be arrested for little five. I got to be arrested for a little five. Was this a year? They, like, tipped over police cars, and that was actually the next year.

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Okay. When I lived of our city villas, I lived overseas, saw them. Yeah, And I only had one day left for my pretrial probation period. And I remember seeing the riot police like walking in because our apartment or condo, whatever was right like right when you turn in often done street. You know, and I just like I was carrying this like Buddha that we had borrowed.

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What do you mean? Like the rugby team, quote unquote. Okay. Anyway, I like did it in this ravine and like a ran into my bedroom and like it in the closet. Literally, I'm like, I am not going down. I got like two or 3 hours. Yeah, yeah. And my one year market for the, for the whole thing. Well, for that night.

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Yeah. I mean it wasn't all weekend long, but that night it was like that Saturday night. Yeah, I remember it. I do too. I remember being like, this is a lot too. I remember being warned. And remember also, like, this is the night you have to stay home because, you know, like the there's going to be tons more police officers and they're in order to fund them, they're going to have to arrest people.

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So like, that's what that's what I was warned, you know. yeah. So what have so on the the year after verse, the villa's incident which was basically like Right kind of riots. Right there. Turn over cars and shit. Yes. And things on fire. Yeah. Including the car that they flipped over which I think was a cop car.

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I heard it was a police car. Yeah, I was not mad about that part. Yeah, right. So that you can burn that. So. So that's cool. And by burning that, you don't mean cut that from the podcast. You mean burn that as a burn retroactively. Burn that. Burn that fucking. Yeah. For the burning of the car.

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So the year after that, they canceled all little five part Friday, or they, they canceled all Friday night. Little five parties. Are you banned on campus? Like none of the fraternity stories kind of parties? And I was in a cover band situation at the time. I remember that. And I said they played the burn Burn a bunch of times.

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Yeah. So they my little brother was. And Johnny Sacco really has James Gardener. okay. What, do you play guitar or something? Yeah, because they pissed in our beer. Somebody in that band and they just like decades later probably wasn't that, that he would apologize. Yeah, well, they didn't. Alba, I just want to apologize. The guy who played music with the shack of that he apologized for 20 years later was like, I know.

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I'm sorry. I just. Your beer. Did you know the deepest in your beer at the time? So you drank a little bit of your. I don't remember. We just found out about it or something. Is it now at least. Yeah, right. Yeah. But yeah. So I got interested. And were you able to last the 3 hours in the closet?

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In the closet? I did. I managed to like, have my stuff dropped. Awesome. My charges. And I remember like, I had to call my parents because they knew I was going to be in police beat. In the newspaper. Yeah. Just, you know, my mom's, of course. Like, what are the neighbors going to say? I'm like, they probably not reading it because there's like 400 other people, right?

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You know, this is not like I'm not the only one. And anyway, you know, her telling me like, honey, you really need to find something more productive to do with your time than party. That's awesome. And I was like, I had been on a couple bike rides with a girl that was rode for a dorm. Our dorm team, like, lived around the corner and another girl I knew from high school that was doing triathlons.

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So that summer I did a bunch of triathlons with her and then she was like, Hey, do you want to ride for land sharks? Be on our team. And I was like, yeah, that'll be awesome. Anyway, I asked my mom, I'm like, All right, how about can you help me buy a bike, a bicycle, you know? And then I'll try and be good with parties.

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No shit, That's awesome. So I just, you know, got better at time management, right?

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I don't know if I got better at not going to parties, but, you know, awesome. I got good grades or a little five. Yeah. Yeah. Was math major and a CPA major. Like a double major? Yeah, I did it. Yeah. That's awesome. I mean, also helps, like growing up here and, like, your dad's a professor, you know, It's like, go to.

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Are you? I'm like, I want to go to Michigan. Yeah. And then I figured out how much money he'd save. He's an economist, so he cannot argue with this kind of logic. I'm like, Listen, you're going to like your car. Pay my rent. Yeah, right. Yeah, I'll go to you. That's. That's the deal. Negotiate. I don't know a lot about your dad, but.

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But he is. Or is he still alive? No, he passed away about 12, 12 years ago. Okay, But he was a man of some repute around here, is that correct? yeah, he was. I mean, genius. Yeah. You know, like, I'm like. I don't. I'm 50% of your DNA, right? Don't have it. All right. And he did Game theory.

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Okay. And was that, like, kind of. It was he sort of early in the game theory stuff? Yeah, he was pretty early on in that and you know I had coauthored papers with all kinds of Nobel Prize winners, including Lynne Ostrom. He actually taught her game theory, is that right? Yeah, and worked with her a bunch. So, you know, from my angle.

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And she won a Nobel Prize in what, political science, too. They do a poly sign one. I don't remember. Anyway, she won it. I thought it was economics. It might have been economics. Yeah, cause she's game theory. Yeah. Anyway, so, yeah, he. He would come home from dinner and be like, yeah, I kind of grumpy. Like, she's not getting it.

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I'm right, you know? My mom was like, Well, maybe you should try explaining it in a different way. Maybe that's not how she learned. Like, she's like, the reasonable one. That's like it. Different people learn in different ways. Right? Right. And maybe you need to think about that. Yeah. Yeah. I'm living with a secondary teacher who. Could you talk?

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Your mom was saying that she was a secondary teacher. Who's got that perspective of how do you get people to learn stuff? Yeah. And here's another like blew intern thing for you. I lived in the roach motel. And one of my roommates, which was terrible. That was across from this class reunion. Right on. It was done right across from 10 to 15 North Indiana.

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Okay. Was the address. And I just saw one of my old roommates. And you have one of her kids. I was all right. Yeah, she's so hurt. You were roommates with her mom at the Roach motel, correct? That's correct. Q What can you describe? What, the Roach Motel. Yeah, I know kind of what it is. I never set foot in it.

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Yeah, ever. No, I mean, it's just a house. Yeah. And I don't know the full history behind it. You know, we're we heard different things, like it was called the Roach Motel because everyone's, like, really fucking high in there all the time. Or, like, it's called the roach Motel because full of roaches, I think. Yeah. Or like, Kenny ARONOFF used to live there, like, he's like Mellencamp's drummer, right?

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And like that. Those guys named it that for some reason. Yeah, but, like, I could never. No one ever really just, like, was a Hoosier, right? Yeah. But, you know. Yeah. Townee like, yeah, it was, it was like the Roach motel was just always something that was in Bloomington and everybody knew of it being in the Roach motel.

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But I was, you know, I didn't have the sign on the door on it. Well, there was a sign. And when we moved in, I mean, the landlord, the landlady, first of all, was like, so happy because she was like, my God, six girls are going to live here. It's going to be clean, right? And they're going to take care of it, which we did for the most part.

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But the sign was falling down when we moved in, so we took it down and made a new one and put it up. And then I think a few years ago, the foundation, like she passed away the landlady and then sold it to somebody else, and then they sold it to the foundation. Okay, so now the university well, the university entity that is the foundation, that isn't the university owns it.

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And I thought they were going to build some kind of museum or something, but now I don't know for sure. So it's really just a big old house, right? Had, like, this really weird attic rooms. And, I don't know, it was six bedrooms, but and then all we had was like a living room and a kitchen.

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Right? Like the shared areas. Yeah, but it can't be the location. Yeah, it was a lot of fun. We had a lot of fun parties in there. Yeah, I think the record was seven kegs and a night. Seven kegs, which is pretty good for like a six bedroom house. yeah, yeah, yeah. That's like more than one keg per roommate, right?

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Would pass around a hat to, like, go get another keg. Like there to always be a 20 in there that my dad would put in. Your dad. Yeah. That's awesome. Use the party. He like to come to the parties. shit. Yeah, that's amazing. I've seen him, like, come to a party like, get tired, take a shoe off, lay down on the floor, use the shoe as a pillow at the party, put a sock over his eyes and just take a little nap.

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And you just be like, That's my dad on the floor. Yeah. And people are like, I understand you better now. So when did you come out? I came out well, my senior year basically of college Of College. Okay. So that was like 90 to 93. My brother and I were both dating girls in the same sorority. That's amazing.

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That is awesome. So and that's how I came out to him. I was like, Hey, James. Looks like we both have good taste in women, Yeah. I hear you're dating the Kappa. Yeah, me too. What are the odds? I mean, I know that is so great. Yeah. So, you know, that was. I probably waited, like, until I was graduated before I told my parents.

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So it was different, you know, I had to get my wisdom teeth out while I was still in their insurance. First. in case. Just in case things went south. Yeah. You were genuinely concerned about how things might go. Well, you never know. Yeah, it's really like a nerve wracking thing. And not easy, you know, to do.

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Yeah. And my mom at first was like, it's just a phase, you know? I told her I was gay and she told me she was married for a year before she knew she was orgasmic. No. And I was like, okay, that's not what we were talking about. And not the same thing. That's not you. But, well, maybe she's trying to distract you from being gay.

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I'm like, I'm sorry, but that is something you. But not the problem. You know what I mean? Like, that's not the problem. But then, like, I don't know. I mean, it took a while to. To come around, cause I think you should just, you know, like a lot of parents probably felt, like, guilty, like she had done something wrong.

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And this was in the early nineties and wasn't like that acceptable. Right, Right. You know, and she actually ended up starting the first, like GSA, the first gay, not the first in the state, the second in the state, the first in Bloomington. Does Gay-Straight Alliance like itself? Yeah, it was called Pride or Proud or something like that. I don't remember exactly.

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But, you know, she'd be like, Honey, you go. I come home, you know, to visit and, like, go check my answering machine. And I go up there and like, I remember this one time this guy called in, and he wasn't one of her students at South, but, you know, just the local gay. Yeah. Who was just, like, wanted to thank her.

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And like, I heard about the group you set up at the high school. I really wish Sunday had been around like that for me. I'm so glad that somebody is doing this for these kids, you know? I was like, Yeah, Yeah. You know, you get a little glow for clap there. man. Yeah, that's fucking awesome. You know, my dad was just like, I'm like, Dad, I'm big dike.

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He's like, okay. Right, right, right. I'm like, Can I borrow your car? Yeah, yeah. Here's some gas money. That was it. You know, like, I'll see you Friday night at the party. Yeah. Yeah. Well, your girlfriend be there. yeah. I'll be taking a nap in the living room. Right. So my little five things started with just.

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I need to find something productive to do with my time. Yeah, I done a bunch of sports in high school. I knew some people that were writing it just, like, kind of just all came together. It wasn't like a dream I had, right? And then it turned out I was like, really good at it. That's so cool that you want to take on it, man.

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Yeah, I've seen that. We I work at the media school and we recently did like an interview with the winners and you can just tell like how they describe the moment of how proud they are when

they win, you know, and that team feeling that's super cool to see. Yeah. Because you cannot do it yourself. Right? Right. It's a team event, right?

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You just one person cannot win the race, right? You have to have more than that. I just want you to talk about some more because what I'm trying to say, like, I don't care about your goddamn little five shit. I have a little five is the quintessential Bloomington. my experience. So you know what I mean? Like, I remember the first little five I went to, I think was in 86 or 87, and it was 87 and it was like MTV's spring break.

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my gosh. In Bloomington. Yeah, man. Yeah. Wow. It makes sense. It makes sense that they did that for a couple of years and then people come to IU. That's weird. And then, like, it's like Burning Man, it's like everything people come to IU because of little five. Yeah, that's the whole reason. It's like, more important than an area of study.

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Yeah, Makes sense. yeah. People. There are definitely a lot of the fraternities and even like, cutters will recruit people to come. I don't know how advanced the women's teams are, but, you know, I'm sure if you're because I that was one of my favorite IU stories is going through sorority rush just like my and I were My friend from high school is in the sorority and we're it was winter so we were like out for a run.

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And she played on the tennis team at IU and she was like, Man, I got a they move this tournament and now I have to do all these stupid rush parties this weekend. And I was like, Hey, well, you want me to, like, stop by and, like, jazz it up a little bit? Yeah, It's just like, my God, when you do that, I'm like, Yeah, why not?

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You know? And so I'm like, Well, what? What do I need to know? So she just tells me, like, these are all the things you're not supposed to ask about, and these are all the things like you need a three by five card with like a passport picture and like, these are the things you need to have on there.

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And like, so I went to a typewriter and got some old passport pictures and like, stapled them on there and made my cards and like, put on an outfit. I rode my bike to a test sorority first. You know, I get in line whenever I just, like, parked my bike across the street, get in line, you know, and there's like, rush counselors to kind of, like, guide you and like, yeah, I knew this woman because I had done little the mini 500 my freshman year, which is the Tricycle race, which you do have to practice for if you want to be good.

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And my my two of my roommates. So the one that you had her daughter in class and our other friend, they also won the mini 500 the same year we won the little 500. So it was is dominated a little fine. That's about it. Yes, that was 92. Anyway, where was I with that? so I walk up, you know, in this fresh counselor's like, my God, where's your nametag?

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And I'm like, no, it fell off. She gives out her clipboard, makes me want to slap it on. I go inside. Right? Well, apparently they, like, vote on you. Yeah. Afterwards. Right. And you. That is based on, like, a rational number that you were assigned. Okay. Right. I don't know how they do it today, but this was analog world.

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Right. So by that point, I had already, like, ridden my bike to my friend's sorority because I'm like, All right, I'm going to do this right? And I went there. Everyone was like, you know, very nice. It's weird. They do like they sing and do like a skit or something. And like, there's food, but nobody eats.

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And I'm like, Are you going to eat that because I'm hungry, right? You know, and like, asking all the questions you're not supposed to ask or talk about, like, you know, just be in a real kind of pain in the butt. Yeah, but also, they liked me enough. Yeah. To want to vote on me because they're like. So they assumed that my friend Kathy was.

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I saw her too long ago. She's like, I remember them being like, Well, wasn't she just a breath of fresh air, I guess. And I'm like, I don't know about fresh. It was air, but then like when I left, that was a house on the house and I had to like, we left that house and there's like a bus waiting and I'm like, man, like, I can't, like, ditch out on this because then they'll see me and they'll know that I'm like, wasn't supposed to be right?

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Right. So get on this bus and it takes us out to the extension eight, right? And I'm at this another sorority and I'm sitting in the front row and my friend who lived across the hall from me in my freshman year, this is my junior year. So my freshman, two years before she was in the skit and she was Roseanne, Roseanne, Dianna.

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And like I, she saw me and I'm like, man, jigs up like, I got a I got a jet after this, right? So I walked to payphone and was like, Can somebody please come get me on the Jordan extension? Yeah, right. And you're busted. And so I went home and the next morning I got an email from the president of one of the sororities I had been to, and she was like, I was so bummed to find out that you weren't for real because you were one of the only cool people I met, really.

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And I'm like, Hey, we're having a party at the Roche Motel tonight. Yeah, come on by, you know? And then the second thing was, I got a phone call, some from some friends of mine. I knew a lot of story girls from little 500. And that was nice because, you know, like, I wouldn't have been probably ever met them if I hadn't have done that, you know?

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And they were like, Gardner, our house mom just sat us down and gave us a description of some lady coming through fake rush. Sounds like you. Is that you? It sounds like this Tristen was sounded like you. And I'm like, they're like, Come to our house. And I'm like, No way. You just told me like, Aapd is like.

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And for me, I that's that kind of level of shit, right? And apparently I cause some kind of, like, mayhem at the Panhellenic Office when they were trying to, like, score everybody and match everybody because I accidentally, like, it's a three digit number. It picked somebody number of shit that I didn't know. And the woman in charge of the pan health stuff, she tried to get me kicked out of little five and so I ended up having to write.

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But my future girlfriend was like the president of, you know, some other ISF thing. And like, got her to agree that I just had to, like, apologize for making fun of the sorority thing. Yeah, but it was fun because I said my name was Cerebellum, and then my dad was a neurologist. Nobody got it. Nobody got it, nobody got it.

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And then like, years later I get in trouble on Facebook for something. I don't know, they wouldn't tell me. Yeah, and I had to write a letter to a manager. And because my name was just move on there, you know, like share or whatever, like, they're like, Well, you need to provide us with your last your real name.

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So I wrote this big, long thing about how my name was Cerebellum and that to Facebook. Yeah. And how like, did you big was there a cerebellum on Facebook. That's I'm on there now. I can't change the name because they're like, what's your name? You can't change it now. like I find So I want to recycle one of my better names.

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So Facebook believed you? Yeah. They didn't even ask me for, like, a picture of my driver's. Like, they just really. They just one and the last name. Well, because I wrote this big, long thing about I'm using a nickname on here because I don't like my real name. Right? Because people make fun of me. Because my dad's a neurologist and I'm named Cerebellum.

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And why don't you get a It's amazing. It's this way. So, like, I have a I have my friend who's she's got a kid who's riding in little five right now, and she's heard this story. So it's like legend, I guess. I don't know. People still talk about it. Who do? Yeah, right. I don't know. I was just having.

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I was just messing around. That's really great. I was just trying to cheer up my buddy and, yeah, a lot of good came out of it. I think so. Yeah. They probably really crack, you know, they changed the rules because of that. Probably. We've got to watch out for the next cerebellum. The next fake. You're already Russian imposter, you know.

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But on the flip side of that, my teammates heard about it and they're like, no, you're not going to a sorority, are you? I'm like, No. God, I'm right for you guys. Come on. That even makes it better. That won. you know, we won by, like, we almost left the field that year. We won by a lot.

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That was that. And that was, like, one of the years that you won. Was the st. Was it the same year that you went to the Russian? That's amazing. That's a great year. That's first year of the year. Yeah. Yeah. Congratulations. Thank you. Here. It's pretty. You had pretty fun. I'm going to tell you one of my favorite stories, which takes place at the county Fair.

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Okay, It's a great story. It's a fantastic event. If you've never been, you should go check it out because it's really, really great. So we had gone to see the demolition derby and we were there early so we could get good seats. I don't know why, because it just loud and dirty, you know, you don't really need to be that close to see it, Right.

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I know what's going on. But since there was some time to kill, I was like, Hey, guys, I'm going to go run over to and get a airbrushed t shirt, you know, But I'm ordering. So I go to the stand and wait in line. I'm looking through there like flipping through the catalogs and stuff. There's a lot of Jesus things and, you know, basket balls and like beach scenes and like, I finally find this a design that I want and it's like a it's like a hunting scene and it's like a sunset, duh.

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Right? But there's like a buck in the middle of like, sort of like a crosshair situation, right? And it's says, I'd rather be hunting. So I get up to the front of the line and I ask the woman, I was like, Hey, can I get this design? But can I have it say something else? And she goes, yeah, sure.

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It's a dollar extra for the custom paint. I'm like, Okay, that sounds like a great 200 pennies sign me up, right? So she's like, It's not a pen and paper. And she's like, okay, what she wanted to

say. And I'm watching her write it down, make sure she's spelling everything right. And I said, I wanted to say I'd rather be eating pussy, okay?

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And like she put her head down on the table and start shaking and I'm like, no issue like, mad issue. This is like a good thing. Like, what is going on? Like, now I'm like, maybe I shouldn't have done that, right? And she comes up, pops back up. She's like, my God, I can't wait till he gets some water.

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my God. Then she goes, Okay, we're a little backed up. You're going to have to come back in like our hour and a half. And I'm like, okay, you know, not a problem. And I figured it was not be like, right this second. Yeah. Like, do I get like a receipt or a ticket or are you going to remember me?

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Right? She's like, she goes, Remember you. I'm on remember you for like five fares. Five fares. And I'm like, I think that's a compliment. How much is fair time? I don't know. Nobody knows. But yeah, so now I have my favorite T-shirt. This isn't ready to be eaten, but it is fantastic, man. I want to start referring to years as fares.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah. Is that five summers in a row? Is that five weeks in a row? Different fares like maybe work at multiple fares? You know, I don't know. I mean, it could be like five fares in two months. I didn't feel like I could ask her. Yeah. Anymore. Give it to me so much already. She really had.

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I don't like get greedy. No. And I'll be like, define this for me. This is because I'm going to be telling my friends the story later. Yeah. And clarify that everybody wants to know and nobody can know. And I think that's it. All right. But so that's. And that's a favorite. That's a good one. So good Bloomington moment, even though it's technically Monroe County, it's still counts as honorary Bloomington moment.

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yeah, for sure. This may I still have the T-shirt too and. yeah. maybe we should take a picture. Yeah, for that. I'll try. I'll. I think I can. I think I can find it. Yeah, that'd be great. I know where it is, I'm pretty sure, but. Yeah. Five first this may. This may be like its own future episode of a different character, but I honestly don't know.

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There's I've seen the character and I like, I know a lot of people that you know, but we've never really had a initially met. Yeah I forget your name already, but I just, I think it's okay. We're we're having a we were having this conversation earlier that did not get recorded about the house

move Kent can't remember anyone like getting like people back then I want to can I take this opportunity to apologize to everyone in Bloomington?

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Yeah. I've messed up your name. That's not intentional, but I will get it eventually. Because one of the story, one of the things you you even said that you did, that you introduced we called it a double. I did a double introduction incorrectly at the farmers market. You introduced two different people to it's two people to each other, and you got both of their names wrong.

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Yeah. And they didn't correct you, right? No, they corrected themselves with each other. So I was like, My job's done here. Just talk amongst yourselves. Right? If I was like, Hey, Joss, this is, you know, Leslie and, you know, and, and then there were like, or you could call me Jonathan, just like. Or you could call me Lindsey.

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And I'm like, Okay, again. And now I don't go to the farmers market cause it's like, Can't you run into too many people, though? It's terrible. Don't like shopping for food. I like to get in and out and like, just be done and that I can't do it there. You don't want you don't want to do a CSA, but I don't want to have to go.

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You're running the risk of having to have an earnest conversation and need to introduce people, and I don't want to. It's claustrophobic somehow outside, you know, like you're squeezed in too many people. So what were you going to ask? Well, yeah. Destiny and destiny. Destiny and Esther? Yeah. I don't I know that I've seen I've seen pictures, and it's a Bloomington staple at this point, I think, you know.

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Yeah, we. Okay, so that, that all started. And do you remember Pete Schreiner? Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. So. Amy Driver Yeah, I was friends with her. So Amy's Pete, Amy, Amy's driver, and Peter or me. Yeah. Okay. And Amy kept telling me, hey, you know, there's this other woman in town who loves to wear fake teeth. That's how that's how it started.

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And she was also. And that's Lori Canada. Right. And Lori was also hearing the same thing from Amy. Amy's telling her there's this other woman in town who likes to wear fake teeth. You guys need to meet. You've had it met before then? No. And so we were at a rock and roll prom at the Bluebird. I wish that would come back now.

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So great. Those are so fun. And I see her from across the room and she sees me because we're both wearing fake teeth and we kind of do this like, slow motion thing where we're like,

run, you know, to embrace in the middle. I love that to be a video of it and then reenact completely slow motion.

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You know, we're just like, why do so suddenly look? Exactly. Exactly. So we met that night and then she was like, Laurie says, Smash, she had just won Photo photoshoot with Natasha Komodo, who is actually she's moved back here now, but she was a photographer. So Laurie had this photo shoot with this photographer and she was like, Do you want to come do this with me?

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And I'm like, Fuck, yeah, yeah, yeah, I want to go on a photo shoot. I'm like, Why don't we meet in my basement where all my costumes are? And the photographers. And Natasha was like, Why don't you guys start trying some things on? And we'll do some stuff. And when we put on Destiny and Esther, well, Natasha was like, Let's go outside.

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Start taking all these pictures of us, right? And we did this for like a whole year, all these different photo shoots where we did like all the seasons. And I remember seeing them a county fair and like going to planned fair to protest and like, you know, having signs that said, like Laurie had made this sign of her would have been great if you guys tried to sneak in the little five second and do the race.

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And when they wouldn't let us, we wouldn't win those those those girls don't win anyway. We did. So we had all these pictures from all these different photo shoots we'd done and we're like went to the 4th of July parade like we did. You know, we thought we're all like these different, like Bloomington things, right? And, you know, there's pictures are just piling up.

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And so finally I was like, I had one of my rentals was going to be vacant over the summer, and I was like, what if we did a museum called Dustin Esther's Midwest Museum of Natural History? And so we did a whole installation in this rental. Well, every room was like a different theme, you know what I mean?

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And like, there was we had taxidermy and crocheted toilet paper cover holders, like things that would be in a museum of Midwest natural history in my mind, Yeah, right. Yeah. There's a whole display about corn. Yeah. Obviously, as right now, right now in fashion, we're having, we're both sort of dumbstruck, like, just like we're rendered mute. Yeah. By this whole conversation.

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We charged a dollar admission. We put signs up with fliers up all over town, and, like, people came, like, they're a couple of international students that came by, and you were just like, yes,

yeah. You know, it's internationals. Students came by and the guy from China, I was just like, jaw on the floor the whole time. He's like, What is this?

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I'm like, Yeah, dude. Like, we don't even know. And you're in costume. you're hosting it in college. Yeah. And even the the pastor's wife from the the climbing gym used to be a Baptist church, right? Right down the street. She came, paid her dollar, saw the abortion room. God. What? And then was like, you know, with, like, pursed lips, like, well, that was interesting.

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And left. So she got more than her dollar's worth. She's, you know, but it's just it's silly. You know, we made signs and said things like. So there's a sign of Lori as Esther. There's a picture of her as Esther on the, you know, phone board with a, you know, paint stick glued to it sign. And it just says I is an abortion survivor.

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And it's a picture of her pointing to her, you know what I mean? Like the I have a picture of Louisa. You know, I'm like, Jesus is dying for your stem cells. And I think we really kind of confuse them. Like vacuum cleaners take in babies ain't right. But, you know, but it's like second up a toddler, you know, it's not a fetus is like a born baby.

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This is in the live baby, you know, sucking up a baby and some Cheetos like this is where we were with that. And they were there was a woman there that I had some friends that worked at Planned Parenthood. She told me they called this woman Irma, because she always had a sign that said, I regret my abortion.

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Okay. Fair. Yeah. You know, those are your feelings. Great. We don't all have to have them, right? So she Irma starts talking to us and like, and then like, this van of, like church kids pulls up and they're like, scared because they're like, What is going on here? It's like, this is not the protest we were expecting, right?

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Because this does circle back if we if we can. Yeah, I believe you both had the thought that the fake teeth in, right? Yeah. Yeah. Okay. We're fully prepared to bring that back down. yeah. We were dressed up. I mean, this was like we got up early before work and did this just, like, went to work, you know, like, it's kind of fun.

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When was the last time you guys did something together? Yeah. I mean, it's been a minute because Lori moved away, and it's harder, right? Not like in the same space. Yeah. So probably, like I don't know if I've ever posted this before, but I think I have some footage of Justin. Esther, when I am I am my friend, and I tend to beaver hides in my garage one summer.

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And that's a whole other story that I have some video of Laura and I talking about the process. yeah, it doesn't s me, you know, like, this is how we do it. Yeah. Anything you'd be willing to share from, like, our camo gear and it's. I have to find that stuff. But yeah, yeah. So that started is just like kind of an art project, right?

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You know, an idea that, like, the photographer had about this whole dichotomy of, like high art versus low art and like, pretty versus ugly. And now all these things can exist, right, you know, together and form something magical. That's again, seven. Tom Topher was like, all in. Yeah, yeah. I'm assuming that, like, after spending some time together in costume, out in public, like you sort of did, you kind of feel in a way that becoming those people when you had these costumes on, it did become like a little bit like part performance art?

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Right, Right. And like, you know, with a protest in and stuff like that. Right. I remember at the 4th of July parade, there's a good picture of me like about to knock over a little kid to get candy off the street, like it's time to see a Tootsie Roll. Fuck. I'm going to get away. Yeah, I move aside.

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Yeah. Young sir, the. But yeah, the 4th of July parade, it was like, rainy. I don't know. We were just standing on a corner and the parade had gotten, like, stopped, you know, gets, like, backed up sometimes. Right? And the the Bloomington, the some cheerleader high school cheerleaders were right next to this, the Bloomington South cheerleaders. So the parade stop.

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And I start singing the school like fight song. And they're just like, no, like you went to South Korea. Like, who are these people? And say, Yeah, you've wrought a lot of havoc on this town. Well, fun, fun stuff. Yeah, I hope. my God, that's great. yeah. And actually, that's Skillet also gets his name from the dog Destiny Master, We were dressed as Destiny Aster at the fair.

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You can see a picture right up there. like the funnel cake or, you know, powdered sugar. That's beautiful. We're walking through one of the, like, just like, one of the pavilions, I think. And this little this little boy ran into me and, like, runs into me and, like, runs away. And then I hear, like, an adult voice behind me, behind us.

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Be like, Scarlett, you get back there and apologize that lady, he just ran into you. And still it like, screeches to a halt, turns around, runs back, says sorry, and then, like, runs away again. And we were both just like, no, that child is still it. And I, you know, for the longest time I'm like, This is the worst kid name ever.

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But Skillet is a great pet name and he's from a Panhandle state, so it works. It works. Yeah. Jesus. You just never know. man. I mean, I ran into a guy. I was just like. I was outside of upland, like, after dinner, having a smoke, and this guy came up to me and he's like, Hey, you wanna hear a funny story?

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I'm, like, always, Yeah, I want to hear a funny story. He's like, See that guy over there? I'm like, Yeah. And he's like, Yeah, well, I work with him. Would do landscaping. And the other day we rolled up a mulch cigaret gave it to him. He took two hits off of that before he was like, that's nasty.

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And I'm like, Hold on, hold on, Back up first. Did you just say mulch or cigaret? I'm like, sort of like chicken shit. Yeah. And I'm like, and, and then the second question to his it he needed to do to make sure that right this is actually the first one was so nice I just needed to make sure yeah.

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Is the nasty enough it turns out it is. So I feel like you never know what's going to happen in this town. There's true a lot of characters running around and can we can we do this every single Sunday? Not too long ago I did just I, I trolled this. I was on Facebook Marketplace. Right. And I saw that there's like a free section.

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And I was like, that's cool. I don't know. There's like, free stuff. So I go on there, I'm looking and there's like, free. It says Free Jesus, you know? So I log in as destiny and I message the guy and I'm like, I'm like, I'm not free. Jesus. I accept the offer. I'm like, And again, I was like, I think I said something like, Can I get the one that where he looks like he's having trouble passing something?

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And then there's the one that's kind of blurry, right? And then the guy writes back and he's like, okay, it like the big ones are the little ones. And I said, Yeah, one of each. Yeah. And so then he's like, Okay, is it like the the left picture, the right picture, the center picture or the left picture, you know?

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And I was like, Do you mean my center or your center? And he like, takes a minute to answer because he's a nice Mormon boy. And I'm sure he's trying to be very polite about this whole thing. And for like 10 minutes go by and he writes back, he's like, your center. okay. And then I'm like, I said something like, Well, you know how it's backwards on the TV, right?

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And like, in the mirror, you know, it's like reversed. Who sees? And then he's like, he asked me some other question about which one it was, and I was like, I'm I have to get back to you. I'm having a corn chip emergency. And I talked to him again and he wrote me the next day and he said, I really hope your courtship thing went okay.

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And then he, like, numbered the pictures. to be like, do you want number one? Number two, you know, but just trolling this kid with my center or your center. I wonder if he was ever so kind of nervous. Like, he's like, I don't know. There's a courtship. Courtship emergency. And, you know, I don't know. I was just cracking myself up.

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And I'm like, I need to. But the whole was thinking like, the thing is, you didn't you or your own audience for that whole thing. I made myself laugh so hard for, like, an hour I couldn't stop myself or. Or your sister. Like, that's, like, the dumbest and the most brilliant thing I've ever done, you know, like, Right.

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What? That. That's what it was. That's my life's achievement. So I'm like, God. Yeah. So, you know, you can have fun. with destiny, just about anywhere. Yeah, yeah. I should write them back and be, like, finally out of the hospital. Chip got fixed, So, like, a year later, you know, he's not even on his mission anymore.

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Kind of. Yeah. And now a mellencamp moment. So what about, You want to ask me about Mellencamp? I do. We? So, yeah, I went to school with his daughter. Which one? Michelle. Michelle. All this one? Yeah. Yeah. When I moved here, I went to Binford before they turned it into it was middle school before they turn it into, like, a elementary.

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Now, they did a bunch of consolidating some of their my seventh grade year. In eighth grade, I was a bachelor cause they're like, I. We're turning this into an elementary school. anyway, yeah, we're friends. She like me because I help her with her homework and stuff. Yeah. And I remember, like, going over to her house, which was enormous.

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Yeah, right, Right. And her dad yelling at us to shut the fuck up because that's his M.O.. Like at home and in the world. yeah. To shut the fuck up. Yeah. You know, so, like, but it was it was weird because it was like, this is like a famous person. But also my friend's dad, right? Who's like, these annoying 13 year old girls need to shut the fuck up.

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And I'm sure he wasn't wrong. Right. Right. If you've known a 13 year old. Yeah, not wrong. Right, Right. I think that's the first Mellencamp story we've had. That was. That was a childhood

Mellencamp story. Is that right? I think so, yeah. Hey, it's from this one. Yeah, that was easy. This is such a tree house. Yeah, I got.

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I got some good Bloomington stories for you. This was really, really fantastic. Yeah, it was a treat named Named Story. All right, well, I don't really think we have to say anything about that, because that was a showstopper. That was a showstopper is I think we just got upstaged. I think we got to go around back and smoke, smoked cigarets And that's and think about our lives.

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We at least need to move to join us. Yeah, because we need to do that every month. Absolutely. so. Okay, well, well, we definitely, before we head out, got to thank bad knees, bad knees tease gym from bad news tease for being our first Bloomington story sponsor who bad knees tease scum Yeah that's bad knees Tesco see which is what you get I said see as in yes but then it sounds like I said a letter.

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Yeah. Well also it doesn't really matter because the fact that we think that you have spell out a website is pretty much like that insurance commercial or people can't pronounce quinoa. It's actually htp s colon slash slash w w w repeat it again. And so yeah he's he's got some really he's so he's got merch in his store, some awesome shirts and stuff for them and totes and all that stuff, mugs and buttons from boom to stories.

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And he's also got, he's got a ton of awesome eclipse stuff including a shirt that changes colors. So I would recommend you check it out. And thanks for listening today. Yeah and, thanks for listening. Always. Yeah. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook and contact us if you ever need a helping hand. Yeah. With a helping hand for you, Josh will help you remove the shackles from the back yard he love.

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